

Community Development Commission

March 5, 2015

TO: Each Deputy

FROM:  Sean Rogan, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

On August 12, 2014, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Motion by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (amended by Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich and Zev Yaroslavsky), directing the Community Development Commission (CDC), in collaboration with the Chief Executive Office, Department of Regional Planning and Department of Public Works, to seek resources to develop an Implementation Plan for an Economic and Community Development Program (Implementation Plan).

On October 7, 2014, the Board of Commissioners of the CDC awarded a professional services contract for \$30,000 to Estolano LeSar Perez Advisors (ELP) to prepare the Implementation Plan. ELP was selected due to their previous work on an 'Economic Development White Paper' for the County as well as their moderation of a County Economic Development Roundtable. In the course of preparing the Implementation Plan, ELP conducted significant research including interviewing key public, private, and non-profit stakeholders.

The CDC received a draft Implementation Plan from ELP as scheduled on February 9, 2015 and provided feedback concluding in a discussion on February 25, 2015. We are continuing to work with ELP to finalize the report and transmit it to you by March 12, 2015, for discussion at the March 19, 2015 CDC Deputies meeting.

Please be advised that with the recent change of the monthly meeting dates for the CDC Deputies meetings, Terry Gonzalez, Emilio Salas and I will not be in attendance at the March 19, 2015 meeting. We will be attending the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials conference in Washington D.C., and will be meeting with key HUD officials. Cordé Carrillo will represent the CDC and Cecilia Estolano will present the draft report to you.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Cordé, Carrillo, Director of Economic and Housing Development at (626) 586-1800.